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PLANS FOR TRIBUNAL PROCEEDINGS~~

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SOURCE:

1. THE BERTRAND RUSSELL FOUNDATION HAS ASKED THAT THE RUSSELL "WAR CRIMES" TRIBUNAL SESSION IN JAPAN BE HELD IN HIROSHIMA ON THE 6 AUGUST ANNIVERSARY OF THE ATOMIC BOMBING OF THAT CITY. THE JAPAN COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE WAR CRIMES IN VIETNAM (JCIWCV), WHICH DOMINATES TRIBUNAL ACTIVITIES IN JAPAN AND WHICH IS CONTROLLED BY THE JCP, IS NOT OPPOSED TO

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HAVING A TRIBUNAL SESSION IN JAPAN, BUT WANTS THE SESSION TO BE HELD IN TOKYO, SOMETIME OTHER THAN 6 AUGUST, TO AVOID ADDING TO THE CONFUSION ALREADY EXPECTED IN HIROSHIMA FROM THE THREE RIVAL, COMPETING POLITICAL ANTI-NUCLEAR-BOMB CONFERENCES DUE TO BE HELD AT THAT TIME.

2. THE JCIWCV AND JCP ARE QUITE ~~DISAPPOINTED~~ OVER THE TROTSKYITE, ANARCHIST CONTROL OF THE RUSSELL FOUNDATION. THE JCIWCV HOLDS NO TRUST FOR THE RUSSELL FOUNDATION, AND IS RELUCTANTLY COOPERATING WITH IT AND THE TRIBUNAL SOLELY BECAUSE NORTH VIETNAM IS GOING ALONG WITH IT. THE JCIWCV CONSIDERS ITSELF FULLY INDEPENDENT OF AND IN NO MANNER A BRANCH OF THE RUSSELL FOUNDATION.

3. THE RUSSELL FOUNDATION INVITED THE JCIWCV TO SEND TWO JUDGES TO THE TRIBUNAL, JCIWCV SECRETARY-GENERAL MORIKAWA KANETOSHI AND NOBEL PRIZE WINNER SAKATA SHOICHI. AT THE JCP'S INSISTENCE, THE JCIWCV VETOED SAKATA'S ACCEPTANCE, DUE TO HIS UNREPENTANT PRO-PEKING SYMPATHIES. THE JCIWCV AGREED TO SEND MORIKAWA AS A TRIBUNAL JUDGE. THE RUSSELL FOUNDATION THEN ASKED THE JCIWCV TO SEND TWO ADDITIONAL "WITNESSES" ALONG WITH MORIKAWA TO THE TRIBUNAL'S OPENING PARIS SESSION. THE JCIWCV

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HAS AGREED, BUT HAS NOT YET SELECTED THE TWO "WITNESSES", WHO ARE TO BE SOCIAL AND NATURAL SCIENTISTS. THIS DELEGATION WILL CARRY WITH IT TO PARIS THE "WAR CRIMES EVIDENCE" GATHERED BY THE JCIWCV SEVEN-MAN DELEGATION TO NORTH VIETNAM IN DECEMBER-JANUARY.

4. THE JCIWCV PLANNED TO SEND A SECOND INVESTIGATION TEAM TO NORTH VIETNAM AT THE END OF APRIL, BUT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE REFUSED TO ISSUE VISAS. THEY EXPLAINED THAT CONCERNED HANOI OFFICIALS WOULD BE IN PARIS FROM THE OPENING SESSION OF THE TRIBUNAL, AND THUS UNABLE TO RECEIVE AND AID THE PROPOSED JCIWCV SECOND INVESTIGATION TEAM. NO SUGGESTION WAS MADE FOR A MORE SUITABLE TIME FOR THE JCIWCV TO DISPATCH A SECOND TEAM TO NORTH VIETNAM.

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